

Biolocomotion without inertia

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Evolution of swimming strategies: Scale Matters.



Escherichia coli D. Kunkel Microscopy



Chlamydomonas D. Howard, UWLC



Human spermatozoa D. Kunkel Microscopy



Tracheal epithelium D. Kunkel Microscopy



Spirochete W. Ellis, U. Belfast



Paramecium A. Fleury, Orsay



Volvox Warren Photography



Mouse embryo nodal cilia S. Nonaka, NIBC, Japan



Crystal Jellyfish Wikimedia commons



Whale shark Georgia Aquarium



Dragonfly Wikimedia commons



Barn Owl Ron Dudley

How do **you** swim?



Vandenberghe, Zhang, & Childress (2004).





Alben & Shelley, PNAS, 2005 Spagnolie, Moret, Shelley, & Zhang, Phys. Fluids, 2010 Ristroph & Childress, J. Roy. Soc. Interface, 2014

Dynamic similarity: the Reynolds number



$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\mathbf{u}_{t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}\right) = -\nabla p + \nabla^{2}\mathbf{u}$$
$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$\operatorname{Re} = \frac{\rho UL}{\mu} \quad \left(\frac{\operatorname{inertial effects}}{\operatorname{viscous effects}}\right)$$



Real numbers

Re
$$(\operatorname{St} \mathbf{u}_t + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}) = -\nabla p + \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}$$

Re $= \frac{\rho UL}{\mu}$ St $= \frac{L \omega}{U}$
Reynolds number Strouhal number
 $\omega \int \int \int \int \int \int \int U$

wHz U<e)⁻⁵-10⁻⁴ 10 mm/s 0-100 Bacteria MM 00 osamecium Mm/S 10 DOMM Wasp 400 0.25 5 m_{M}/S MM 0-105 50 cm Fish m/Shildress, 1980)

At zero Reynolds number there is **no** inertia, and time is merely a parameter.

Stokes equations:

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\mathbf{u}_{t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}\right) = -\nabla p + \nabla^{2}\mathbf{u}$$

$$0 \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

Linearity + time-independence of the Stokes equations = kinematic reversibility: An instantaneous reversal of the forcing does not modify the flow patterns, only the direction in which they are occurring.



G.I. Taylor National Committee for Fluid Mechanics Films, 1961

Swimming strategies must respect fluid mechanics!

The Scallop Theorem

Life at Low Reynolds Number, E. M. Purcell, 1977







Life at intermediate Reynolds number is *amazing*!





Shell-less pteropod mollusc *Clione antarctica* Childress & Dudley, (J. Fluid Mech. 2004)

An early mathematical model: "Taylor's swimming sheet" (Taylor, 1951)

$$-\nabla p + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u} = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$$

$$U$$

$$y = b \sin(kx - \omega t)$$

Define a stream-function for the velocity: $\mathbf{u} = \nabla^{\perp} \psi = (\psi_y, -\psi_x)$

$$\Rightarrow \nabla^4 \psi = 0$$

Expand about small amplitude $\varepsilon = bk \ll 1$

$$\Psi(x, y, t; \varepsilon) = \psi^{(0)}(x, y, t) + \varepsilon \psi^{(1)}(x, y, t) + \varepsilon^2 \psi^{(2)}(x, y, t) + \dots,$$
$$U = U(\varepsilon) = U^{(0)} + \varepsilon U^{(1)} + \varepsilon^2 U^{(2)} + \dots$$

Solve Stokes equations order by order...

$$U = \frac{1}{2}\frac{\omega}{k}\varepsilon^2 + O(\varepsilon^4) \approx \frac{1}{2}\omega kb^2 \quad \text{(Quiz: Why nothing at first order?)}$$





What tools do we have? Lots.

Linear PDEs Green's functions Moment expansion / method of reflections / method of images Boundary integral representation Slender body theory Fast algorithms

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Main points I want to highlight:

Physical ideas:

- 1. Kinematic reversibility / Scallop theorem
- 2. Quasi-static dynamics
- 3. Drag anisotropy of slender bodies
- 4. Stochastic (e.g. run-and-tumble) trajectories
- 5. Inside the flagellum: flagellin/polymorphism, microtubules/axoneme

Mathematical tools:

- 1. "Stokeslet" fundamental solution (Green's function) and its derivatives
- 2. A boundary-integral representation*
- 3. Multipole expansion in the far-field: bacteria as force-dipoles.
- 4. Slender-body theory for thin filaments (flagella, cilia, etc.)

Dynamics are quasi-static. Swimming is essentially force/torque-free at any moment.



Scaling lengths, velocities on L, U as before, and scaling forces on μLU , we find

$$\operatorname{Re}\left(\frac{m}{\rho \operatorname{Vol}}\right)\left(\frac{\operatorname{Vol}}{L^{3}}\right)\ddot{\mathbf{x}}^{*} = \frac{1}{\mu UL}\mathbf{F}_{ext} + \int_{D^{*}}\mathbf{f}^{*} dS^{*}$$

The body is in equilibrium at every moment. Even if **F**, **f** are changing in time. (Changes are slower than the viscous dissipation timescale.)

And if $|\mathbf{F_{ext}}|/(\mu UL) \ll 1$, then $\int_{D^*} \mathbf{f}^* dS^* = \mathbf{0}$. Example: E. coli has $|\mathbf{F}_g|/(\mu UL) \approx 10^{-2}$

The torque-free constraint demands a counter-rotation



One answer: Don't worry about it! Taking the long view: mathematical modeling of swimming microbes via far-field hydrodynamics



The leading order approximation of the fluid flow far from a neutrally buoyant body

To be more precise let's develop some mathematical tools, starting with the most important one.

The "Stokeslet" fundamental solution (Green's function) is the key to everything.

What to do to a linear PDE?
$$-\nabla p + \mu \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{f} \delta(\mathbf{x}_0) = \mathbf{0}$$

Poke it. $\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} = 0$ \mathbf{x}_0

By linearity, we must have $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{f}$ $p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{8\pi} \mathbf{\Pi}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \cdot \mathbf{f}$

Solving (e.g. by Fourier transform and inversion),



Read Pozrikidis (1992)

Derivatives of the Stokeslet are also solutions to the Stokes equations.

Linear PDE —> Linear combinations of Stokeslets also solve the primary equations

This includes derivatives (as differentiation is a linear operation)

$$\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{d} \left(\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x} - d\mathbf{\hat{x}}) \cdot \mathbf{f} - \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{f} \right)_{d \to 0} \quad \mathbf{\hat{x}} \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{x}_0} (\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{f})$$

is a solution, too.

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"Stokeslet dipole" or "force dipole"





How else can we poke the system?

$$-\nabla p_0 + \mu \nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_0 = \mathbf{0} \qquad \mathbf{u}_0 = \frac{-M\mathbf{x}}{4\pi |\mathbf{x}|^2}, \quad p_0 = \mathbf{0} \qquad \mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{u}_0 + M\delta(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{0} \qquad \mathbf{u}_0 = \frac{-M\mathbf{x}}{4\pi |\mathbf{x}|^2}, \quad p_0 = \mathbf{0}$$
Source/sink

Including... all potential flow solutions

Since
$$\nabla^2 \mathbf{u}_0 = \mathbf{0}, \ p_0 = 0$$

... all "potential flow" solutions (from infinite Reynolds number flow!) also solve the Stokes equations (zero Reynolds number flow!)

$$\mathbf{e} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u}_0 = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x}|^3} \left(-\mathbf{I} + \frac{3\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}}{|\mathbf{x}|^2} \right) \cdot \mathbf{e} = \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{e}$$

Source dipole/doublet



The flow due to a moving sphere is simply represented by a combination of singular solutions

(!) A particularly interesting combination:

$$\mathbf{u} = \left(\mathbf{G} - \frac{a^2}{3}\mathbf{D}\right) \cdot \frac{\mathbf{F}}{8\pi\mu}$$



has $\mathbf{u}(r=a) = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{6\pi\mu a}$, **constant!** Call it **U**. Then

$$\mathbf{F}_{fluid} = -6\pi\mu a\mathbf{U}$$

(Stokes Drag Law)

A more general multipole expansion often starts with a boundary integral representation

$$8\pi\mu \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = -\int_{\partial D} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \, dS_y \quad \int_{\partial D} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y})$$

(Not the most general form... stay tuned for Shravan's lecture!)

Now consider the flow at a point **x** far from the body.

Expanding around **0**,

$$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{0}) + \mathbf{y} \cdot \nabla_y \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y} \mathbf{y} : \nabla \nabla \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) + \dots$$

So

$$8\pi\mu \mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = -\int_{\partial D} \left[\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{0}) + \mathbf{y} \cdot \nabla_y \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) + \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{y} \mathbf{y} : \nabla \nabla \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) + \dots \right] \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) dS_y$$

X

Multipole expansion

$$8\pi\mu u_i(\mathbf{x}) = G_{ij}(\mathbf{x})F_j + \partial_k G_{ij}(\mathbf{y})S_{kj} + \partial_m \partial_k G_{ij}(\mathbf{x})M_{mkj} + \dots$$

$$\mathbf{F} = -\int_{\partial D} \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \, dS_y \qquad \mathbf{S} = -\int_{\partial D} \mathbf{y} \, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \, dS_y \qquad \mathbf{M} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\partial D} \mathbf{y} \, \mathbf{y} \, \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{y}) \, dS_y$$
$$= \mathbf{F}_{\text{ext}}$$

or

$$\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{F} + \frac{1}{8\pi\mu} \nabla_y \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{S} + \dots$$

The pusher and puller business

Neutrally-buoyant?
$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}_{ext} = \mathbf{0}$$

Axisymmetric? $\mathbf{S} = -\sigma \mathbf{p} \mathbf{p}$
 $\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{-\sigma}{8\pi\mu} \nabla_y \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) : \mathbf{p} \mathbf{p} = \frac{-\sigma}{8\pi\mu} \mathbf{p} \cdot \nabla_y (\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}) \cdot \mathbf{p})$
 $\delta < \mathbf{O} : "Puller"$

(Stay tuned for Becca/David's lectures!)

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More details enter as you approach the body

At a distance, a (phase-averaged) axisymmetric organism's far-field representation is:



This useful perspective provides insight into many phenomena. For example... How does a wall affect the swimming trajectory? Use classical ideas from E&M...



Method of images / Method of reflections

Stokeslet

Stokeslet image (Blake 1971)

Zero velocity on the wall

See also: Faxén's Law, Lorentz reflection theorem

Computational interlude: bc

$$8\pi\mu\,\mathbf{u}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_D \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x})$$



$$\mathbf{G}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|} + \frac{(x - y)_i (x - y)j}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^3}$$
$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = -6 \frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})}{R^5}$$

"Stresslet" singularity





$$\mathbf{G}_{ij}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|} + \frac{(x - y)_i (x - y)_j}{|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y}|^3}$$

$$\mathbf{T}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = -6\frac{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})}{(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{y})}$$

"Stresslet" singularity



Spagnolie & Lauga (2012) - Brute force Gimbutas, L. Greengard, S. Veerapaneni, (2015) - Papkovich-Neuber potential Mitchell & Spagnolie, J. Comput. Phys. (2017) - Lorentz reflection theorem

$$\boldsymbol{T}_{ijk}^{*}(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}^{*}) = \frac{6\hat{X}_{i}X_{j}X_{k}}{|\boldsymbol{X}|^{5}} + 12x_{3}\frac{\beta_{ik}y_{3}X_{j} + \beta_{ij}y_{3}X_{k} - \delta_{jk}x_{3}\beta_{i\ell}X_{\ell}}{|\boldsymbol{X}|^{5}} - 60x_{3}y_{3}\beta_{i\ell}\frac{X_{j}X_{k}X_{\ell}}{|\boldsymbol{X}|^{7}},$$

Comparing to full numerical simulations, analytical predictions are confirmed for all but the closest of wall-interactions



The far-field approximation is very accurate.

$$\mu/\mu_0 = 1 + \frac{5}{2}c + 7.6c^2$$
 (Yoon & Kim, '87)

Batchelor & Green, J. Fluid Mech. (1972)

Mitchell & Spagnolie, J. Fluid Mech. 2015 Mitchell & Spagnolie, J. Comput. Phys. 2017 What is the effect of a nearby boundary on swimming trajectories?

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Paxton et al., (JACS, 2004).

Takagi et al. (2013)





Spagnolie et al. (2015)

But don't lose sight of reality...



Chlamydomonas swimming near a surface

Kantsler et al. (PNAS 2012).









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For more details you need... more tools!

A Singularity method In "the singularity method" we try to Find distributions of singularities internal to a body to satisfy no-slip, (V) Jr = V+J2×X) Prolate ellipsoid: Lig (-4777) Chwang + Wu Part 2° (1975) $\vec{v} = \int_{-c}^{c} \chi_{1} \underline{G} \cdot \hat{\chi} + d_{2} \underline{G} \cdot \hat{y} ds + \int_{-c}^{c} (c^{2} - s^{2}) \left[\beta_{1} \underline{D} \cdot \hat{\chi} + \beta_{2} \underline{D} \cdot \hat{y} \right] ds$ Rotation, and linear background Flows (shear/extensional) are done that too.

But that only gets us so far. How would we try to model this one?

Method 1: Compute.

Coming soon! Be patient!

There are numerous numerical approaches

- Boundary integral methods
- Method of "Regularized Stokeslets"
- Various "immersed boundary methods"

Method 2: Exploit small parameters. For instance, the aspect ratio of the flagellum.

First let's back up and talk about drag anisotropy.

The sedimentation speed of a sphere in a **viscous** fluid is linear in its surface area

$$F_g = \left(\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3\right)\Delta\rho g \downarrow \qquad \qquad \uparrow F_{Drag} = 6\pi\mu a U$$

"Stokes drag"

$$0 = F_g + F_{Drag}$$

$$U = \frac{2a^2}{9\mu} \Delta \rho g$$

Hydrodynamic interactions increase the speed of multiple spheres in Stokes flow

(Torque balance also induces a rotation)

$$\Omega = \frac{a^3}{12\mu L^2}\Delta\rho g + O\left(\frac{a^3}{L^3}\right)$$

Hydrodynamic interactions lead to **drag anisotropy** of slender filaments

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{F}_{G} & \qquad \mathbf{\hat{s}} \\ \mathbf{F}_{g} = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{||} \mathbf{\hat{s}} \mathbf{\hat{s}} + \xi_{\perp} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\hat{s}} \mathbf{\hat{s}}) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{U} \qquad \frac{\xi_{\perp}}{\xi_{||}} \approx 2 \\ \text{Filament aspect ratio } \varepsilon \lll 1 \end{split}$$

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 $\mathbf{F}_{g} = \left[\xi_{||}\mathbf{\hat{s}}\mathbf{\hat{s}} + \xi_{\perp}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\hat{s}}\mathbf{\hat{s}})\right] \cdot \mathbf{U}$

How to swim at zero Reynolds number: drag anisotropy



$$\mathbf{F}_{g} = \begin{bmatrix} \xi_{||} \mathbf{\hat{s}} \mathbf{\hat{s}} + \xi_{\perp} (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{\hat{s}} \mathbf{\hat{s}}) \end{bmatrix} \cdot \mathbf{U} \quad \frac{\xi_{\perp}}{\xi_{||}} \approx 2$$

Filament aspect ratio $\varepsilon \lll 1$

This is the basis of "Resistive Force Theory"



Gray & Hancock, (J. Exp. Biol. 1955)



Sea-urchin *Lytechinus* **spermatozoon** C.J. Brokaw, Caltech

A first pass at slender filament hydrodynamics: resistive force theory



Pros: simple! Cons: Error is O(1). Great so long as $|\log \varepsilon| \gg 1$, or $\varepsilon \ll 10^{-10}$!

Stepping up the accuracy: slender-body theory (matched asymptotics, relates to the singularity method)

$$\epsilon = \frac{a}{L} \ll 1 \longrightarrow \mathbf{R}(s, s') \qquad \hat{\mathbf{s}} = \mathbf{x}_s$$

$$\mathbf{x}_t = -\mathbf{\Lambda}[\mathbf{f}] - \mathbf{K}[\mathbf{f}] + (\epsilon^2 \log(\epsilon))$$

$$\mathbf{Local operator} \qquad \text{Nonlocal integral operator}$$
where
$$\mathbf{\Lambda}[\mathbf{f}] = [(c(s) + 1)\mathbf{I} + (c(s) - 3)\hat{\mathbf{s}}(s)\hat{\mathbf{s}}(s)] \cdot \mathbf{f}(s)$$

$$\mathbf{K}[\mathbf{f}](s) = \int_0^1 \left(\frac{\mathbf{I} + \hat{\mathbf{R}}(s, s')\hat{\mathbf{R}}(s, s')}{|\mathbf{R}(s, s')|} \cdot \mathbf{f}(s') - \frac{\mathbf{I} + \hat{\mathbf{s}}(s)\hat{\mathbf{s}}(s)}{|s - s'|} \cdot \mathbf{f}(s)\right) ds',$$

$$c(s) = \log\left(\frac{4s(1 - s)}{\epsilon^2 r(s)^2}\right)$$
Special profile:

$$r(s) = \sqrt{4s(1-s)}$$

SBT is often the basis for high-accuracy numerical simulations and sometimes analysis (small amplitude)

$$\int_0^L \frac{\mathcal{L}_p(s') - \mathcal{L}_p(s)}{|s' - s|} \, ds' = \lambda_p \mathcal{L}_p(s)$$

s'

(diagonalized by Legendre polynomials)

Health warning:



What's f ?

Depends. Might be just like in the RFT calculation. i.e. Rigid body dynamics assumed, use net-force on the body to infer $\mathbf{f}(s)$, but now via SBT.

But a richer class of problems links the local viscous traction to internal stresses in a continuously deformable filament.



Perhaps the force per unit length on the filament is found by the principal of virtual work. Quick example...

An inextensible Euler-Bernoulli beam (small deflections):

$$\mathcal{E} = \frac{B}{2} \int_0^L |\mathbf{x}_{ss}|^2 \, ds + \int_0^L \frac{T(s)}{2} (|\mathbf{x}_s| - 1)^2 \, ds$$

Dimensionless viscous drag:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{f}(s) &= -\mathbf{F}_g(s) - (T(s)\mathbf{x}_s)_s + \beta (B(s)\mathbf{x}_{ss})_{ss} \\ \text{Viscous Gravity Tension Elasticity} \\ \text{drag} \\ & \beta \gg 1 \text{: Stiff filaments (rods)} \\ & \beta \ll 1 \text{: Floppy filaments} \end{aligned}$$

$$s = 0$$

 $a \cdot r(s)$
 $a \cdot s = L$

Weakly flexible filaments sedimenting under gravity: shapes and trajectories slowly approach equilibrium



Xu & Nadim (1992) Li et al. (2013) Manikantan et al. (2014)

Eukaryotic vs. prokaryotic flagella: elastohydrodynamics



Planar waves (eukaryotic flagella) must be driven actively along the entire filament



(Ann. Rev. Fluid Mech 1977)

New Journal of Physics and Deutsche Physikalische Gesellschaft Journal



Generic aspects of axonemal beating

Sébastien Camalet and Frank Jülicher

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New Journal of Physics 2 (2000) 24.1–24.23 (http://www.njp.org/) Received 7 June 2000; online 4 October 2000

$$G \equiv \int_0^L \left[\frac{B}{2} C^2 + f\Delta + \frac{\Lambda}{2} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}^2 \right] \, \mathrm{d}s. \ (C = \kappa)$$





Figure 8. Oscillation frequency $\omega_{\rm c}/2\pi$ at the bifurcation point

Shape matters: viscous dissipation vs bending costs



Spagnolie & Lauga, (Phys. Fluids 2009)

Most *bacteria* swim by rotating a slender, helical flagellum / many helical flagella.

Helical waves (prokaryotic flagella): rotation of a solid helix leads to locomotion



Rhodobacter sphaeroides H. C. Berg, Harvard Most *bacteria* swim by rotating a slender, helical flagellum / many helical flagella. *Salmonella* and *E. coli* are "peritrichous" (many flagella)...



...and exhibit *run* and *tumble* locomotion:



Berg Lab, Harvard



Namba & Vonderviszt, Quart. Rev. Biophys. (1997) Turner, Ryu & Berg, J. Bacteriol. (2000) But keep an eye on reality! For instance, CW and CCW rotations yield different behavior Polymerized Flagellin protein micro-structure is not symmetric...



Asakura, Adv. Biophys. (1970) Calladine, J. Mol. Biol. (1978) Hasegawa et al., Biophys. J. (1998) Srigiriraju & Powers, Phys. Rev. E (2006)



Experimental observations indicate a circular relationship in the pitch-circumference plane



Are biological fluids any different?

Biolocomotion in viscoelastic fluids

Biological fluids are often host to a polymeric microstructure

In flow: viscous stresses compete with entropic contraction of polymers

Helical bacteria Leptospira (Leptosprosis) and B. burgdorferi (Lyme disease) swim faster...





Berg & Turner, 1979; Spielman & Kimsey, 1990



Biolocomotion in viscoelastic fluids

Biological fluids are often host to a polymeric microstructure

In flow: viscous stresses compete with entropic contraction of polymers

...while C. elegans swims slower...



Lauga, *Phys. Fluids*, 2007 Teran, Fauci & Shelley, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2010 Shen & Arratia, *Phys. Rev. Lett.*, 2011

A new dimensionless number appears:

Deborah number: $De = \lambda_1 \omega$

Free historical notes:

Proposed by Markus Reiner (Technion) (1920): "The mountains flowed before the Lord" (Deborah; Judges 5:5)

Also coined the term: "rheology" w/ Bingham (study of deformation/flow of matter) Inspired by the *aphorism of Simplicius:* "panta rhei" (*Everything flows*) What tools do we have?

Linear PDEs Green's functions Moment expansion / method of reflections / method of images Boundary integral representation Slender body theory

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What tools do we have?



Fluid memory... and worse

Coupled nonlinear time-dependent PDEs... with moving immersed boundaries! e.g. Stokes/Oldroyd-B:

$$\nabla p = \eta_s \nabla^2 \mathbf{v} + \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}^p \qquad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0$$

$$\boldsymbol{\tau}^{p} + \lambda_{1} \overset{\boldsymbol{\nabla}}{\boldsymbol{\tau}}^{p} = \eta_{p} \dot{\boldsymbol{\gamma}} \qquad \overset{\boldsymbol{\nabla}}{\boldsymbol{\tau}} = \frac{\partial \boldsymbol{\tau}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla \boldsymbol{\tau} - \boldsymbol{\tau} \cdot \nabla \mathbf{u} - \nabla \mathbf{u}^{T} \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau}$$

Separation of time-scales Finite-time blow up, "high-Weissenberg number catastrophe", ...

(i.e. Pray for a small parameter/symmetry and start computin')

Swimming of a 2D sheet in a viscoelastic fluid (Lauga, Phys. Fluids, 2007)

$$U = b\sin(kx - \omega t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \nabla p &= \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} \\ \nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad \boldsymbol{\tau} &= \boldsymbol{\tau}_0 + \epsilon \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Small-amplitude asymptotics:

$$\frac{U}{U_N} = \frac{1 + (\eta_s/\eta)De^2}{1 + De^2} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \mathrm{De} = \lambda_1 \omega \\ \eta = \eta_s + \eta_p \end{array}$$

Identical swimming speeds for: FENE-P, Johnson-Segalman-Oldroyd, Giesekus

Reciprocal theorem extensions (finite bodies, etc.): Elfring & Lauga, (2015)

The results can be generalized for a wider class of helical bodies/waves

$$\begin{array}{c} \overset{(a)}{\underset{n=1}{\sum}} & \overset{(b)}{\underset{n=2}{\sum}} & \overset{(c)}{\underset{n=3}{\sum}} & \overset{(d)}{\underset{n=3}{\sum}} & \overset{(d)}{\underset{n=1}{\sum}} & \tau_{1} + \frac{\operatorname{De}}{\nu} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} - \nu \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \tau_{1} = \dot{\gamma}_{1} + \frac{\beta \operatorname{De}}{\nu} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} - \nu \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \dot{\gamma}_{1} \\ \dot{\gamma}_{1} = \sum_{k} \dot{\gamma}_{1}^{(k)} \exp(ik\theta) \\ \tau_{1}^{(k)} = \eta^{*}(k) \dot{\gamma}_{1}^{(k)} \end{aligned}$$

complex viscosity
$$\eta^*(k) = (1 - ik\beta \text{De})/(1 - ik \text{De})$$

 $\beta = \eta_s / \eta$

 $U = 2\varepsilon^2 \sum_{|k| \ge 1} \Re[\eta^*(k)] |\hat{f}_k|^2 J_k \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Pumpi} \\ \text{Confine} \end{array}$

Pumping is similar Confinement is similar

Lauga, Phys. Fluids, 2007, Fu, Powers & Wolgemuth, Phys. Rev. Lett., 2007 Leshansky, Phys. Rev. E, 2009 Fu, Wolgemuth & Powers, Phys. Fluids, 2009 Elfring, Phys. Fluids, 2015 Li & Spagnolie, Phys. Fluids, 2015



Liu, Powers & Breuer, PNAS, 2011 Spagnolie, Liu, & Powers, Phys. Rev. Lett., 2013 Stability of flagellum geometry to hoop stress (strangulation effect)...





 $Rod\text{-}climbing\ (McKinley\ Lab,\ MIT)$

Flexible bodies? Multiple flagella? "Active suspensions"? Shear-thinning? Many questions remain open.



Yet other fluids are anisotropic (stress response is direction dependent)

Mucus and biofilms are anisotropic (in addition to viscoelastic, and shear-thinning...)



Boyer et al. Phys. Biol. (2011)

Cervical mucus



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Chretien (2003)



B. subtilis in a nematic liquid crystal (DSCG)

Mushenheim, Trivedi, Tuson, Weibel and Abbott, Soft Matter, 2014.

Biofilms

A nematic liquid crystal is a phase with **orientational order** but no positional order



Deviations from uniform alignment result in an **elastic** response...



"Taylor's swimming sheet" in a nematic liquid crystal





Krieger, Spagnolie & Powers, (2014, 2015, 2019)

Interesting new applications are just over the horizon...



Performing useful work?



Urinary tract infections?

. Trivedi, Maeda, Abbott, Spagnolie & Weibel, *Soft Matter*, 2015 Mushenheim, Pendery, Weibel, Spagnolie & Abbott, *PNAS*, 2017 Main points I wanted to highlight:

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